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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 15 and 21 November 1993, there appear to have been 19 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of the flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 14 November 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,005.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(15-21 November 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1010	15 Nov.	0557	Un-known	Ground observers saw a helicopter flying during an attack on Gorni Vakuf. The helicopter appeared to remain on the Croatian side of the battle, flying short legs up and down the confrontation line. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Slow Low
1011	15 Nov.	1031	1032	United Nations military observers at Pale observed an MI-8 helicopter taking off from Koran Hospital at Pale, flying in the direction of Sokolac. No weapons or cargo were reported. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Unknown Unknown
1012	16 Nov.	1035	1040	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft heading east 1 nautical mile east of Posusje. The aircraft left the no-fly zone for 2 nautical miles then changed course to a south-westerly heading. The aircraft faded from radar 3 nautical miles south of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East Low 150 knots
1013	16 Nov.	1206	1225	AWACS/North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft made radar contact with an aircraft 3 nautical miles west of Posusje, heading north-west. AWACS/NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until contact was lost 6 nautical miles south-west of Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east then north-west 4,500 feet 120 knots
1014	16 Nov.	1404	1429	AWACS/NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact with an aircraft heading north-east at a low altitude in the area of Posusje. The AWACS/NATO fighter aircraft visually identified a green MI-8 helicopter, which was shadowed until contact was lost at 5.5 nautical miles north of Posusje. Four helicopters were reported on the ground at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east then south-west Low 90 knots
1015	16 Nov.	1444	1514	AWACS/NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact with an aircraft flying very low, approximately 6 nautical miles north of Posusje. The fighter aircraft visually identified a white helicopter flying very low over a lake and they also reported a short-duration radar contact 3 nautical miles in trail of the first contact, but both contacts were later lost. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Very low Unknown

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1016	17 Nov.	0729	0745	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with an MD-500 over Posusje, which was lost 15 kilometres south-west of Posusje. Another visual contact was made at 0740 hours, heading east. The helicopter attempted to elude NATO fighter aircraft by making 90 degree turns when over dark terrain or woodlands. The MD-500 helicopter headed west 15 kilometres east of Posusje when NATO fighter aircraft departed for operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east Very low Unknown
1017	17 Nov.	0738	0745	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 20 kilometres south-west of Medugorje. The aircraft entered the no-fly zone and terminated in the vicinity of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft were not sent to investigate for operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 5,000 feet 90 knots
1018	17 Nov.	0746	0749	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a grey MI-8 helicopter 25 kilometres north of Posusje, heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until it landed at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Low 107 knots
1019	17 Nov.	0843	0844	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 3 nautical miles west of Posusje, where it landed 1 minute later. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-west Very low Unknown
1020	17 Nov.	0852	0856	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a grey MI-8 helicopter taking off from Posusje. It flew north-west and left the no-fly zone 4 minutes later. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-west Very low Unknown
1021	17 Nov.	1106	1111	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter taking off from Posusje. The helicopter flew a square pattern to the south-east of the site. After 3 minutes, the helicopter landed and unloaded two persons. The helicopter then began to hover, taxied 30 yards to its original position and landed. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east Very low Slow
1022	17 Nov.	1450	1500	AWACS/NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact with an aircraft 70 kilometres north-west of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a grey MI-8 helicopter that they shadowed until visual contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east 4,000 feet 90 knots
1023	18 Nov.	1000	Un-known	European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) personnel observed a Hughes MD-500 landing on a grass field near Medegoje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Landing

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1024	18 Nov.	1100	1117	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 3 kilometres south of Kiseljak, heading west. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate, but the aircraft faded prior to interception 2 kilometres south of Kiseljak. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	West Unknown Unknown
1025	18 Nov.	1155	Un-known	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a red cross, 15 kilometres south-west of Tomislavgrad, heading north-west. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until contact was lost 40 kilometres north-east of Knin. NATO fighter aircraft reported three MI-8 helicopters on a soccer field (1 white and 2 grey) in the vicinity where contact was lost. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats and Bosnian Serbs.	North-west 11,000 feet 110 knots
1026	19 Nov.	0941	0947	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter flying 18 kilometres north-west of Medugorje, which was lost shortly afterward due to operational reasons. AWACS lost radar contact 10 kilometres west of Medugorje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east 118 knots Unknown
1027	20 Nov.	0928	0933	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 30 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate but were unable to make visual contact. AWACS lost radar contact 35 kilometres west of Sarajevo. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west 140 knots Very low
1028	21 Nov.	1505	1524	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 18 kilometres west of Sarajevo. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with a green helicopter, possibly an MI-8. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until they lost contact 4 kilometres north of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Unknown 4,000 feet

Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(14 November 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1009	14 Nov.	1130	1230	United Nations military observers at Medugorje observed a green camouflage MI-8 helicopter flying north-east between Posusje and Imoiski. The helicopter was flying low against the backdrop of hills. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Unknown 500 feet